

**ABSTRACT**

5 A recommendation system is disclosed that generates  
recommendations for one or more items based on the combined  
preferences of a number of individuals. The disclosed  
recommender initially identifies the individuals that are  
present, and thereafter generates a recommendation score based on  
the combined preferences of each user. In one implementation, a  
recommendation score is first computed for each individual,  
10 before a combined recommendation score is computed for the entire  
group. The combined recommendation score, C, can be computed,  
for example, using an average or a weighted average.

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